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For: CYCLOALKYL, LACTAM, )  
LACTONE AND RELATED )  
COMPOUNDS, )  
PHARMACEUTICAL )  
COMPOSITION COMPRISING )  
SAME, AND METHODS FOR )  
INHIBITING  $\beta$ -AMYLOID )  
PEPTIDE RELEASE AND/OR ITS )  
SYNTHESIS BY USE OF SUCH )  
COMPOUNDS )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 113 of this paper.

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